

Cruel to be kind
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| C | = 332010 | G7sus4 | = x55565 or 353533 or 330011 |
| G/B | = x20003 | G7 | = 353433 or 320001 |
| F/A | = x03211 | Dm | = xx0231 |
| G | = 355433 | Am | = x02210 |
| Em | = 022000 | A | = x02220 |
| F | = 133211 | A7 | = x02020 |
| | | Dm7/G | = 300211 |

[Intro]

| C | | | | G/B | | | | F/A | | | | G | | | |
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| : [x2] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

[Verse 1]

G | / / / / | C Oh, I can't take another Em ...heartache,
F G7sus4
 Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits end,
C Em
 You say your love is ...bona fide,
F Em Dm F
 But that don't ...coin - cide ...with the things that you do,
Em F G7sus4
 And when I ask you to be nice, you say...

[Chorus]

F G Em Am
 You gotta be cruel to be kind, in the right measure,
 F G Em Am Am
 Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign,
 F G Em Am G7sus4
 Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----!
 (Babe-----!)
 (You gotta be cruel!)
 G7 C G/B F/A G
 You gotta be cruel to be kind! | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

[Verse 2]

Well, I do my best to under - ...stand, dear,
 But, you still mystify, and I wanna know why,
 I pick myself up ...off the ground,
 To have you ...knock me back down ...again and a - gain,
 And when I ask you to ex - plain, you say...

[Chorus]

You gotta be cruel to be kind, in the right measure,
 Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign,
 Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----!
 (Babe-----!)
 (You gotta be cruel!)
 You gotta be cruel to be kind!

[Bridge]

Oo, oo -oo ! Oo, oo, oo!

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[Verse 3]

Well, I do my best to under - ...stand, dear,
 But, you still mystify, and I wanna know why,
 I pick myself up ...off the ground,
 To have you ...knock me back down ...again and a - gain,
 And when I ask you to ex - plain, you say...

[Choruses]

F **G** **Em** **Am**
You gotta be cruel to be kind, in the right measure,
F **G** **Em** **Am**
Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign,
F **G** **Em** **Am** **G7sus4**
Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----!
(Babe-----!)
(You gotta be cruel!)

G7 **F** **G** **Em** **Am**
You gotta be cruel to be kind-----, oh, in the right measure,
(Cruel to be kind!)

F **G** **Em** **Am** **Am** **F** **G**
It's a very, very, very good sign-----,
(Cruel to be kind!) ^ ^ (Cruel to be kind--!)

Em **Am** **G7sus4**
It means that I love you, baby-----!
(Babe-----!)
(You gotta be cruel!)

G7 **F** **G** **Em** **Am**
You gotta be cruel to be kind-----, oh, in the right measure,
(Cruel to be kind!)

F **G** **Em** **Am** **Am** **F** **G**
Yes, it's a very, very, very good sign-----,
(Cruel to be kind!) ^ ^ (Cruel to be kind!)

Em **Am** **G7sus4**
It means that I love you, baby-----!
(Babe-----!)
(You gotta be cruel!)

[Suggestion for coda]

G7 **F** **Dm7/G** **C**
You gotta be cruel to be kind-----!
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